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Devotions for the Hours.

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The Psalms.

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"Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens."—Lamentations iii. 41.

"Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."—Revelation vii. 12.

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When the clock strikes, or however else you shall measure the day, it is good to say a short ejaculation every hour, that the parts and returns of devotion may be the measure of your time: and do so also in all the breaches of thy sleep, that those spaces which have in them no direct business of the world may be filled with religion.

Jeremy Taylor, D.D.

morning David's Psalms are sought for; and the first, the midst, and the last, is David. At funeral solemnities the first, the midst, and the last is David. In private houses, the first, the midst, and the last is David. Many that know not a letter can say David's Psalms by heart."

Bishop Horne says of the Psalms, "They are an epitome of the Bible, adapted to the purposes of devotion. This little volume like the Paradise of Eden, affords us in perfection, though in miniature, every thing that groweth elsewhere, every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, and above all that which was there lost, and is here restored—the tree of Life, in the midst of the garden. That which we read as a matter of speculation in the other Scriptures, is reduced to practice when we recite it in the Psalms. In *those*, faith and repentance are described—in *these*, they are acted; by a perusal of the former we learn how others served GOD—but by using the latter we serve GOD ourselves. In the language of this Divine Book, therefore, the prayers of the Church have been offered up to the Throne of Grace from age to age. And it appears to have been the manual of the SON of GOD in the days of His flesh; Who at the conclusion of His Supper, is generally supposed, and that upon good grounds, to have sung a hymn taken from it; Who pronounced upon the Cross the beginning of the twenty-second Psalm, 'My GOD,

My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?' and expired with a part of the thirty-first in His mouth, 'Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit.' Thus He 'Who spoke as never man spoke' chose to conclude His life, to solace Himself in His greatest agony, and at last to breath out His soul, in the Psalmist's form of words, rather than in His own."

The good Dr. Hammond justly observes, "No tongue of man or angel can convey a higher idea of any book, and of their felicity who use it right. Indited under the influence of Him 'unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid' they suit mankind in all situations; the fairest productions of human wit, after a few perusals, like gathered flowers, wither in our hands, and lose their fragrancy; but these unfading plants of Paradise, become, as we are accustomed to consider them, still more and more beautiful; their bloom appears to be daily heightened, fresh odours are emitted, and new sweets are extracted from them. He who hath once tasted their excellencies will desire to taste them again; and he who tastes them oftenest will relish them best."

It remains only for me now to beg the blessing of Almighty God on this little book, to the praise and glory of Whose Holy Name it is specially dedicated.

C. M. B.

July 21*st*, 1852.

MATINS.

One o'Clock.

O God, Thou art my God : early will I seek Thee.

My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh also longeth after Thee : in a barren and dry land, where no water is.

Thus have I looked for Thee in holiness : that I might behold Thy power and glory.

For Thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself : my lips shall praise Thee.

As long as I live will I magnify Thee on this manner : and lift up my hands in Thy Name.

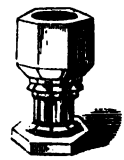
Psalm lxiii. 1—9.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness : when my mouth praiseth Thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered Thee in my bed : and thought upon Thee when I was waking?

Because Thou hast been my Helper : therefore under the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon Thee : Thy right hand hath upholden me.



Two o'Clock.

I WILL sing of Thy power, and will praise Thy mercy betimes in the morning: for Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Psalm lix. 16, 17.

Unto Thee, O my strength, will I sing: for Thou, O GOD, art my refuge, and my merciful GOD.

Three o'Clock.

Psalm cxliii. 1, 2, 5—10.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and consider my desire: hearken unto me for Thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all Thy works: yea, I exercise myself in the works of Thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto Thee: my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O LORD, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear Thy loving-kindness be-

times in the morning, for in Thee is my trust: show Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my GOD: let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Four o'Clock.

Psalm cxxx.

OUT of the deep have I called unto Thee, O LORD: LORD, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, LORD, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O LORD, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee: therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the LORD; my soul doth wait for Him: in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the LORD: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

Five o'Clock.

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready: I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

Psalm cviii. 1—5.

Awake, thou lute, and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.

For Thy mercy is greater than the heavens: and Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth.

Six o'Clock.

Psalm v. 1—5, 7, 8, 12, 13.

PONDER my words, O LORD . consider my meditation.

O hearken Thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my GOD: for unto Thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt Thou hear betimes, O LORD: early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

For Thou art the GOD that hast no pleasure in wickedness: neither shall any evil dwell with Thee.

Such as be foolish shall not stand in Thy sight: for Thou hatest all them that work vanity.

But as for me, I will come into Thine house, even upon the multitude of Thy

mercy: and in Thy fear will I worship toward Thy holy temple.

Lead me, O LORD, in Thy righteousness, because of mine enemies: make Thy way plain before my face.

And let all them that put their trust in Thee rejoice: they shall ever be giving of thanks, because Thou defendest them; they that love Thy Name shall be joyful in Thee.

For Thou, LORD, wilt give Thy blessing unto the righteous: and with Thy favourable kindness wilt Thou defend him as with a shield.

Seven o'Clock.

Psalm cxix. 145—148, 164.

I CALL with my whole heart: hear me, O LORD, I will keep Thy statutes.

Yea, even unto Thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto Thee: for in Thy word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night-watches: that I might be occupied in Thy words.

Seven times a day do I praise Thee: because of Thy righteous judgments.

Eight o'Clock.

THE heavens declare the glory of GOD: and the firmament showeth His handy work. Psalm xix.

One day telleth another: and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands: and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun: which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the LORD is an undefiled law, converting the soul: the testimony of the

LORD is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the LORD is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgments of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold; yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover by them is Thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse Thou me from my secret faults.

Keep Thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be alway acceptable in Thy sight,

O LORD : my Strength and my Redeemer.

Nine o'Clock.

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after Thee, O GOD.

Psalm xlii. 1, 2, 10, 15.

My soul is athirst for GOD, yea, even for the living GOD: when shall I come to appear before the presence of GOD?

The LORD hath granted His loving-kindness in the day-time: and in the night-season did I sing of Him, and make my prayer unto the GOD of my life.

O put thy trust in GOD: for I will yet thank Him, which is the help of my countenance, and my GOD.

Ten o'Clock.

Psalm cxxxix. 1—3, 6—11, 13, 17, 18, 23, 24.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me out, and known me: Thou knowest my down-sitting, and mine up-rising; Thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but Thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.

Whither shall I go then from Thy Spirit: or whither shall I go then from Thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, Thou art there: if I go down to hell, Thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning: and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall Thy hand lead me: and Thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me: then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to Thee are both alike.

I will give thanks unto Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are Thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

How dear are Thy counsels unto me, O God: O how great is the sum of them!

If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake up I am present with Thee.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart: prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me: and lead me in the way everlasting.

Eleven o'Clock.

Psalm lvi. 1—4, 10, 13.

BE merciful unto me, O GOD, for man goeth about to devour me: he is daily fighting, and troubling me.

Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O Thou most Highest!

Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid: yet put I my trust in Thee.

I will praise GOD because of His word: I have put my trust in GOD, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

In GOD'S word will I rejoice: in the LORD'S word will I comfort me.

For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling: that I may walk before GOD in the light of the living.

Twelve o'Clock.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us. Psalm lxvii.

That Thy way may be known upon earth: Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O GOD: yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O GOD: let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and GOD, even our own GOD, shall give us His blessing.

GOD shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

VESPERS.

One o'Clock.

Psalm lxxxvi. 3—12, 15—17.

BE merciful unto me, O LORD: for I will call daily upon Thee.

Comfort the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, LORD, art good and gracious: and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, LORD, unto my prayer: and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto

Thee, O LORD: there is not one that can do as Thou doest.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee, O LORD: and shall glorify Thy Name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art GOD alone.

Teach me Thy way, O LORD, and I will walk in Thy truth: O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear Thy Name.

I will thank Thee, O LORD my GOD, with all my heart: and will praise Thy Name for evermore.

But Thou, O LORD GOD, art full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn Thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me: give Thy strength unto Thy servant, and help the son of Thine handmaid.

Show some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because Thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Two o'Clock.

Psalm lxxi. 1, 2, 4, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17.

IN Thee, O LORD, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion: but rid me and deliver me, in Thy righteousness; incline Thine ear unto me, and save me.

Be Thou my strong hold whereunto I may alway resort: Thou hast promised to help me, for Thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

For Thou, O LORD GOD, art the thing that I long for: Thou art my hope, even from my youth.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise: that I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

Go not far from me, O GOD: my GOD, haste Thee to help me.

My mouth shall daily speak of Thy righteousness and salvation: for I know no end thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the LORD GOD: and will make mention of Thy righteousness only.

Thy righteousness, O GOD, is very high: and great things are they that Thou hast done; O GOD, who is like unto Thee?

Three o'Clock.

Psalm cxlv.

I WILL magnify Thee, O GOD, my King: and I will praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto Thee: and praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and marvellous, worthy to be praised: there is no end of His greatness.

One generation shall praise Thy works unto another: and declare Thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of Thy worship: Thy glory, Thy Praise, and wondrous works;

So that men shall speak of the might of Thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of Thy greatness.

The memorial of Thine abundant kind-

ness shall be showed: and men shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful: long-suffering, and of great goodness.

The LORD is loving unto every man: and His mercy is over all His works.

All Thy works praise Thee, O LORD: and Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.

They show the glory of Thy kingdom: and talk of Thy power;

That Thy power, Thy glory, and mightiness of Thy kingdom: might be known unto men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and Thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

The LORD upholdeth all such as fall: and lifteth up all those that are down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O LORD: and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand: and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

The LORD is righteous in all His ways: and holy in all His works.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: yea, all such as call upon Him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The LORD preserveth all them that love Him: but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh give thanks unto His holy Name for ever and ever.

Four o'Clock.

Psalm lxxxix. 1, 16—19, 46.

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be showing Thy truth from one generation to another.

Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in Thee: they shall walk in the light of Thy countenance.

Their delight shall be daily in Thy Name: and in Thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

For Thou art the glory of their strength: and in Thy loving-kindness Thou shalt lift up our horns.

For the Lord is our defence: the Holy One of Israel is our King.

O remember how short my time is: wherefore hast Thou made all men for naught?

Five o'Clock.

Psalm xc. 1, 2, 4, 7—9, 12, 14, 17.

LORD, Thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: Thou art GOD from everlasting, and world without end.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

For we consume away in Thy displeasure: and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before Thee: and our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For when Thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

So teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O satisfy us with Thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

And the glorious Majesty of the LORD our GOD be upon us: prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handy-work.

Six o'Clock.

Psalm xcii. 1—6.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD : and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most Highest;

To tell of Thy loving-kindness early in the morning : and of Thy truth in the night-season.

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute : upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For Thou, LORD, hast made me glad through Thy works: and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Thy hands.

O LORD, how glorious are Thy works : Thy thoughts are very deep.

An unwise man doth not well consider this : and a fool doth not understand it.

Seven o'Clock.

O SING unto GOD, and sing praises unto His Name: magnify Him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise Him in His Name JAH, and rejoice before Him.

Psalm lxviii. 4—6, 9, 10, 19, 20.

He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows: even GOD in His holy habitation.

He is the GOD that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity: but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

Thou, O GOD, sentest a gracious rain upon Thine inheritance: and refreshedst it when it was weary.

Thy congregation shall dwell therein:

for Thou, O God, hast of Thy goodness prepared for the poor.

Praised be the Lord daily: even the God who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation: God is the Lord by whom we escape death.

Eight o'Clock.

LORD, I call upon Thee, haste Thee unto me: and consider my voice when I cry unto Thee.

Psalm cxli. 1—4, 9.

Let my prayer be set forth in Thy sight as the incense: and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth: and keep the door of my lips.

O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil thing: let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.

But mine eyes look unto Thee, O LORD GOD: in Thee is my trust, O cast not out my soul.

Nine o'Clock.

Psalm xvii. 1, 3, 5—8, 16. Psalm xviii. 28.

HEAR the right, O LORD, consider my complaint: and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night-season; Thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me: for I am utterly purposed that my mouth shall not offend.

O hold Thou up my goings in Thy paths: that my footsteps slip not.

I have called upon Thee, O GOD, for Thou shalt hear me: incline Thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

Show Thy marvellous loving-kindness, Thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in Thee: from such as resist Thy right hand.

Keep me as the apple of an eye: hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

But as for me, I will behold Thy presence in righteousness: and when I awake up after Thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.

Thou also shalt light my candle: the LORD my GOD shall make my darkness to be light.

Ten o'Clock.

Psalm xiii. 3, 5, 6.

CONSIDER and hear me, O LORD my GOD: lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death.

But my trust is in Thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in Thy salvation.

I will sing of the LORD, because He hath dealt so lovingly with me: yea, I will praise the Name of the LORD most Highest.

Eleven o'Clock.

HEAR me when I call, O GOD of my righteousness: Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me and hearken unto my prayer.

Psalm iv. 1, 7, 9.

LORD, lift Thou up: the light of Thy countenance upon us.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is Thou, LORD, only that makest me dwell in safety.

Twelve o'Clock.

Psalm cxix. 41, 55, 59, 62, 105.

LET Thy loving mercy come also unto me, O LORD: even Thy salvation, according unto Thy word.

I have thought upon Thy Name, O LORD, in the night-season: and have kept Thy law.

I called mine own ways to remembrance: and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee: because of Thy righteous judgments.

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet: and a light unto my paths.

The Hours

FROM THE PSALMS

For Sunday.

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"Oh! day of days! shall hearts set free,
No 'minstrel rapture' find for thee?
Thou art the Sun of other days,
They shine by giving back thy rays."

Christian Year.

MATINS.

Five o'Clock.

O SEND out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

Psalm xliii. 3, 4, 6.

And that I may go unto the altar of GOD, even unto the GOD of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O GOD, my GOD.

O put thy trust in GOD: for I will yet give Him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my GOD.

Six o'Clock.

Psalm xxiii.

THE LORD is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But Thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Seven o'Clock.

Psalm lxxxi. 1—5.

SING we merrily unto GOD our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the GOD of Jacob.

Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute.

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon: even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.

For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the GOD of Jacob.

This He ordained in Joseph for a testimony: when he came out of the land of Egypt, and had heard a strange language.

Eight o'Clock.

Psalm xlii. 1—7.

LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after Thee, O GOD.

My soul is athirst for GOD, yea even for the living GOD: when shall I come to appear before the presence of GOD?

My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy GOD?

Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself: for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of GOD;

In the voice of praise and thanksgiving: among such as keep holy day.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God: for I will yet give Him thanks for the help of His countenance.

Nine o'Clock.

Psalm xxvii. 1, 4, 5, 7—11.

THE LORD is my light, and my salvation; whom then shall I fear: the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the LORD, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the LORD, and to visit His temple.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His tabernacle; yea in the secret place of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

Therefore will I offer in His dwelling an oblation with great gladness: I will sing, and speak praises unto the LORD.

Hearken unto my voice, O LORD, when I cry unto Thee: have mercy upon me and hear me.

My heart hath talked of Thee, Seek ye My face: Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

O hide not Thou Thy face from me: nor cast Thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O GOD of my salvation.

Ten o'Clock.

Psalm xxvi. 1—3, 6—8, 11, 12.

BE Thou my Judge, O LORD, for I have walked innocently: my trust hath been also in the LORD, therefore shall I not fall.

Examine me, O LORD, and prove me: try out my reins and my heart.

For Thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes: and I will walk in Thy truth.

I will wash my hands in innocency, O LORD: and so will I go to Thine altar;

That I may show the voice of thanksgiving: and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

LORD, I have loved the habitation of Thy house: and the place where Thine honour dwelleth.

But as for me, I will walk innocently: O deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot standeth right: I will praise the LORD in the congregations.

Eleven o'Clock.

O HOW amiable are Thy dwellings: Thou LORD of hosts! Psalm lxxxiv.

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living GOD.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even Thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my GOD.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be alway praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee: in whose heart are Thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength: and unto the GOD of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O LORD GOD of Hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O GOD of Jacob.

Behold, O GOD our defender: and look upon the face of Thine Anointed.

For one day in Thy courts: is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my GOD: than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the LORD GOD is a light and defence: the LORD will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

O LORD GOD of Hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in Thee.

Twelve o'Clock.

GREAT is the LORD, and highly to be praised: in the city of our GOD, even upon His holy hill.

Psalm xlviii. 1, 2, 8, 9, 13.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth: upon the north side lieth the city of the great King; GOD is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

We wait for Thy loving-kindness, O GOD: in the midst of Thy temple.

O GOD, according to Thy Name, so is Thy praise unto the world's end: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

For this GOD is our GOD for ever and ever: He shall be our guide unto death.

EVEN-SONG.

One o'Clock.

Psalm cxvi. 11—16.

WHAT reward shall I give unto the LORD: for all the benefits that He hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation: and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people: . . . . . .

Behold, O LORD, how that I am Thy servant: . . . . . .

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows unto the LORD, in the sight of all His people: in the courts of the LORD'S house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Two o'Clock.

O SING unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the whole earth. Psalm xcvi.

Sing unto the LORD, and praise His Name: be telling of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His honour unto the heathen: and His wonders unto all people.

For the LORD is great and cannot worthily be praised: He is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols: but it is the LORD that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before Him: power and honour are in His sanctuary.

Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of

the people: ascribe unto the LORD worship and power.

Ascribe unto the LORD the honour due unto His Name: bring presents and come unto His courts.

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of Him.

Tell it out among the heathen that the LORD is King: and that it is He who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad: let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD.

For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with His truth.

Three o'Clock.

UNTO Thee will I cry, O LORD my strength: think no scorn of me; lest, if Thou make as though Thou hearest not, I become like them that go down unto the pit.

Psalm xxviii. 1, 2, 7, 8, 10.

Hear the voice of my humble petitions, when I cry unto Thee: when I hold up my hands towards the mercy-seat of Thy holy temple.

Praised be the LORD: for He hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.

The LORD is my strength, and my shield; my heart hath trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart danceth for joy, and in my song will I praise Him.

O save Thy people, and give Thy blessing unto Thine inheritance: feed them and set them up for ever.

Four o'Clock.

Psalm lxvi. 1—4, 6—9, 12, 14—18.

O BE joyful in GOD, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of His Name, make His praise to be glorious.

Say unto GOD, O how wonderful art Thou in Thy works: through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies be found liars unto Thee.

For all the world shall worship Thee: sing of Thee, and praise Thy Name.

O come hither, and behold the works of GOD: how wonderful He is in His doing toward the children of men.

He ruleth with His power for ever; His eyes behold the people: and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

O praise our GOD, ye people: and make the voice of His praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life: and suffereth not our feet to slip.

For Thou, O GOD, hast proved us: Thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

I will go unto Thine house with burnt-offerings: and will pay Thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.

O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear GOD: and I will tell you what He hath done for my soul.

I called unto Him with my mouth: and gave Him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart: the LORD will not hear me.

But GOD hath heard me: and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be GOD, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned His mercy from me.

Five o'Clock.

Psalm lxi.

HEAR my crying, O GOD: give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon Thee: when my heart is in heaviness.

O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I: for Thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

I will dwell in Thy tabernacle for ever: and my trust shall be under the covering of Thy wings.

For Thou, O LORD, hast heard my desires: and hast given a heritage unto those that fear Thy Name.

Thou shalt grant the King a long life: that his years may endure throughout all generations.

He shall dwell before GOD for ever: O prepare Thy loving-mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

So will I alway sing praise unto Thy Name: that I may daily perform my vows.

Six o'Clock.

Psalm lxv. 1—8.

THOU, O GOD, art praised in Sion: and unto Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer: unto Thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me: O be Thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom Thou choosest and receivest unto Thee: he shall dwell in Thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

Thou shalt show us wonderful things in Thy righteousness, O GOD of our salvation: Thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in His strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea: and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at Thy tokens: Thou that makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise Thee.

Seven o'Clock.

Psalm cxi.

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the LORD are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised; and had in honour: and His righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done His marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear Him: He shall ever be mindful of His covenant.

He hath showed His people the power of His works: that He may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of His hands are verity and judgment: all His commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever; holy and reverend is His Name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Eight o'Clock.

Psalm cxviii. 1, 4, 14, 19—29.

O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for He is gracious: because His mercy endureth for ever.

Yea, let them now that fear the LORD, confess: that His mercy endureth for ever.

The LORD is my strength, and my song: and is become my salvation.

Open me the gates of righteousness: that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD: the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank Thee, for Thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused: is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the LORD'S doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Help me now, O LORD: O LORD, send us now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the LORD: we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the LORD.

GOD is the LORD Who hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my GOD, and I will thank Thee: Thou art my GOD, and I will praise Thee.

O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is gracious: and His mercy endureth for ever.

Nine o'Clock.

Psalm cxxxviii. 1—3.

I WILL give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing praise unto Thee.

I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy Name, because of Thy loving-kindness and truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy Name, and Thy Word, above all things.

When I called upon Thee, Thou heardest me: and enduedst my soul with much strength.

Ten o'Clock.

BEHOLD now, praise the LORD: all ye servants of the LORD; Psalm cxxxiv.

Ye that by night stand in the house of the LORD: even in the courts of the house of our GOD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary: and praise the LORD.

The LORD that made heaven and earth: give thee blessing out of Sion.

Proper Psalms

ON

CERTAIN DAYS.

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Good LORD, deliver us,

By the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation; by Thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation:

By Thine Agony, and bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the HOLY GHOST.

A Psalm or Song for the Sabbath Day.

BONUM EST CONFITERI.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD: and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most Highest; Psalm xcii.

To tell of Thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of Thy truth in the night-season;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute: upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For Thou, LORD, hast made me glad

through Thy works: and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Thy hands.

O LORD, how glorious are Thy works: Thy thoughts are very deep.

An unwise man doth not well consider this: and a fool doth not understand it.

When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish: then shall they be destroyed for ever; but Thou, LORD, art the Most Highest for evermore.

For lo, Thine enemies, O LORD, lo, Thine enemies shall perish: and all the workers of wickedness shall be destroyed.

But mine horn shall be exalted like the horn of an unicorn: for I am anointed with fresh oil.

Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies: and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that arise up against me.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

Such as are planted in the house of the

LORD: shall flourish in the courts of the house of our GOD.

They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age: and shall be fat and well-liking.

That they may show how true the LORD my strength is: and that there is no unrighteousness in Him.

The Seven Penitential Psalms for Ash-Wednesday.

DOMINE, NE.

Psalm vi.

O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine indignation: neither chasten me in Thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am weak: O LORD, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled: but LORD, how long wilt Thou punish me?

Turn Thee, O LORD, and deliver my soul: O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

For in death no man remembereth Thee: and who will give Thee thanks in the pit?

I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed: and water my couch with my tears.

My beauty is gone for very trouble: and worn away because of all mine enemies.

Away from me, all ye that work vanity: for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The LORD hath heard my petition: the LORD will receive my prayer.

All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed: they shall be turned back and put to shame suddenly.

Beati quorum.

Psalm xxxii.

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For Thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto Thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto Thee, in a time when Thou mayest be found: but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble: Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with Mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule; which have no understanding: whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the LORD: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

DOMINE, NE IN FURORE.

Psalm xxxviii.

PUT me not to rebuke, O LORD, in Thine anger: neither chasten me in Thy heavy displeasure.

For Thine arrows stick fast in me: and Thy hand presseth me sore.

There is no health in my flesh, because of Thy displeasure: neither is there any rest in my bones by reason of my sin.

For my wickednesses are gone over my head: and are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear.

My wounds stink, and are corrupt: through my foolishness.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery: that I go mourning all the day long.

For my loins are filled with a sore disease; and there is no whole part in my body.

I am feeble and sore smitten: I have roared for the very disquietness of my heart.

LORD, Thou knowest all my desire, and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me: and the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking upon my trouble: and my kinsmen stood afar off.

They also that sought after my life laid snares for me: and they that went about to do me evil, talked of wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

As for me I was like a deaf man, and heard not: and as one that is dumb, who doth not open his mouth.

I became even as a man that heareth not: and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

For in Thee, O LORD, have I put my trust: Thou shalt answer for me, O LORD my GOD.

I have required that they even mine

enemies should not triumph over me: for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

And I, truly, am set in the plague: and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

For I will confess my wickedness: and be sorry for my sin.

But mine enemies live, and are mighty: and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

They also that reward evil for good are against me: because I follow the thing that good is.

Forsake me not, O LORD my GOD: be not Thou far from me.

Haste Thee to help me: O LORD GOD of my salvation.

Miserere mei, Deus.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness: according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences. Psalm li.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

Behold I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I

shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn Thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O GOD: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy HOLY SPIRIT from me.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again: and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O GOD, Thou that art the GOD of my health: and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O LORD: and my mouth shall show Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice; else would I give it Thee: but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

Domine, exaudi.

Psalm cii.

Hear my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come unto Thee.

Hide not Thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline Thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me and that right soon.

For my days are consumed away like smoke: and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.

My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass: so that I forget to eat my bread.

For the voice of my groaning: my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

I am become like a pelican in the wilderness: and like an owl that is in the desert.

I have watched; and am even as it were a sparrow: that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

Mine enemies revile me all the day long: and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

For I have eaten ashes, as it were bread: and mingled my drink with weeping.

And that because of Thine indignation and wrath: for Thou hast taken me up and cast me down.

My days are gone like a shadow: and I am withered like grass.

But Thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever: and Thy remembrance throughout all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy upon Sion: for it is time that Thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

And why? Thy servants think upon her stones: and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

The heathen shall fear Thy Name, O LORD: and all the kings of the earth Thy Majesty.

When the LORD shall build up Sion: and when His glory shall appear;

When He turneth Him unto the prayer

of the poor destitute: and despiseth not their desire.

This shall be written for those that come after: and the people which shall be born shall praise the LORD.

For He hath looked down from His sanctuary: out of the heaven did the LORD behold the earth.

That He might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity: and deliver the children appointed unto death;

That they may declare the Name of the LORD in Sion: and His worship at Jerusalem;

When the people are gathered together: and the kingdoms also to serve the LORD.

He brought down my strength in my journey: and shortened my days.

But I said, O my GOD, take me not away in the midst of mine age: as for Thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

Thou, LORD, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

And as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.

The children of Thy servants shall continue: and their seed shall stand fast in Thy sight.

De profundis.

Psalm cxxx.

Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee: therefore shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him: in His word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

DOMINE, EXAUDI.

HEAR my prayer, O LORD, and consider my desire: hearken unto me for Thy truth and righteousness' sake. Psalm cxliii.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me: and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all Thy works: yea, I exercise myself in the works of Thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto Thee: my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O LORD, and that soon; for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning; for in Thee is my trust: show Thou me the way that I should walk in; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee; for Thou art my GOD: let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O LORD, for Thy Name's sake: and for Thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of Thy goodness slay mine enemies: and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am Thy servant.

Proper Psalms for Good-Friday.

Deus, Deus meus.

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me: and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint? Psalm xxii.

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but Thou hearest not: and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And Thou continuest holy: O Thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in Thee: they trusted in Thee, and Thou didst deliver them.

They called upon Thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in Thee, and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men and the out-cast of the people.

All they that see me, laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in GOD, that He would deliver him: let Him deliver him if He will have him.

But Thou art He that took me out of my mother's womb: Thou wast my hope when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto Thee ever since I was born: Thou art my GOD, even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me: fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths: as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums: and Thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me: and the counsel of the wicked layeth siege against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones: they stand staring and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them: and cast lots upon my vesture.

But be not Thou far from me, O LORD: Thou art my succour, haste Thee to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth: Thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

I will declare Thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.

O praise the LORD, ye that fear Him: magnify Him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear Him, all ye seed of Israel.

For He hath not despised, nor abhorred,

the low estate of the poor: He hath not hid His face from him, but when he called unto Him, He heard him.

My praise is of Thee in the great congregation: my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear Him.

The poor shall eat, and be satisfied: they that seek after the LORD, shall praise Him: your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before Him.

For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and He is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth: have eaten and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before Him: and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve Him: they shall be counted unto the LORD for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare His righteousness: unto a people that shall be born, whom the LORD hath made.

EXPECTANS EXPECTAVI.

I WAITED patiently for the LORD: and He inclined unto me, and heard my calling. Psalm xl.

He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay: and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

And He hath put a new song in my mouth: even a thanksgiving unto our GOD.

Many shall see it and fear: and shall put their trust in the LORD.

Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the LORD: and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

O LORD my GOD, great are the wondrous works which Thou hast done, like as be also Thy thoughts which are to usward: and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto Thee.

If I should declare them and speak of them : they should be more than I am able to express.

Sacrifice, and meat-offering, Thou wouldst not : but mine ears hast Thou opened.

Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin, hast Thou not required : then said I, Lo, I come.

In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil Thy will, O my God : I am content to do it : yea, Thy law is within my heart.

I have declared Thy righteousness in the great congregation : lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that Thou knowest.

I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart : my talk hath been of Thy truth and of Thy salvation.

I have not kept back Thy loving mercy and truth : from the great congregation.

Withdraw not Thou Thy mercy from me, O Lord : let Thy loving-kindness and Thy truth alway preserve me.

For innumerable troubles are come about me ; my sins have taken such hold upon me,

that I am not able to look up: yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.

O LORD, let it be Thy pleasure to deliver me: make haste, O LORD, to help me.

Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it: let them be driven backward and put to rebuke, that wish me evil.

Let them be desolate and rewarded with shame: that say unto me, Fie upon thee, fie upon thee.

Let all those that seek Thee be joyful and glad in Thee: and let such as love Thy salvation, say alway, The LORD be praised.

As for me, I am poor and needy: but the LORD careth for me.

Thou art my helper and Redeemer: make no long tarrying, O my GOD.

DEUS, IN NOMINE.

Psalm liv.

SAVE me, O GOD, for Thy Name's sake: and avenge me in Thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O GOD: and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me: and tyrants, which have not GOD before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, GOD is my helper: the LORD is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: destroy Thou them in Thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give Thee, and praise Thy Name, O LORD: because it is so comfortable.

For He hath delivered me out of all my trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

SALVUM ME FAC.

SAVE me, O GOD: for the waters are come in, even unto my soul. Psalm lxix.

I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is: I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

I am weary of crying; my throat is dry: my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my GOD.

They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.

I paid them the things that I never took: GOD, Thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from Thee.

Let not them that trust in Thee, O LORD GOD of Hosts, be ashamed for my cause:

let not those that seek Thee be confounded through me, O LORD GOD of Israel.

And why? for Thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face.

I am become a stranger unto my brethren: even an alien unto my mother's children.

For the zeal of Thine house hath even eaten me: and the rebukes of them that rebuked Thee are fallen upon me.

I wept, and chastened myself with fasting: and that was turned to my reproof.

I put on sackcloth also: and they jested upon me.

They that sit in the gate speak against me: and the drunkards make songs upon me.

But, LORD, I make my prayer unto Thee: in an acceptable time.

Hear me, O GOD, in the multitude of Thy mercy: even in the truth of Thy salvation.

Take me out of the mire, that I sink not: O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up : and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O LORD, for Thy loving-kindness is comfortable : turn Thee unto me according to the multitude of Thy mercies.

And hide not Thy face from Thy servant, for I am in trouble : O haste Thee, and hear me.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it : O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour : mine adversaries are all in Thy sight.

Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness : I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.

They gave me gall to eat : and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal : and let the things that should have been for their wealth be unto them an occasion of falling.

Let their eyes be blinded, that they see

not : and ever bow Thou down their backs.

Pour out Thine indignation upon them : and let Thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.

Let their habitation be void : and no man to dwell in their tents.

For they persecute him whom Thou hast smitten : and they talk how they may vex them whom Thou hast wounded.

Let them fall from one wickedness to another : and not come into Thy righteousness.

Let them be wiped out of the book of the living : and not be written among the righteous.

As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness : Thy help, O God, shall lift me up.

I will praise the Name of God with a song : and magnify it with thanksgiving.

This also shall please the Lord : better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

The humble shall consider this, and be glad : seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.

For the LORD heareth the poor : and despiseth not His prisoners.

Let heaven and earth praise Him : the sea, and all that moveth therein.

For GOD will save Sion, and build the cities of Judah : that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.

The posterity also of His servants shall inherit it : and they that love His Name shall dwell therein.

Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth.

They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul: they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing, and give praise.

Awake up, my glory; awake, lute and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing unto Thee among the nations.

For the greatness of Thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens: and Thy truth unto the clouds.

Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth.

CONFITEBOR TIBI.

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation. Psalm cxi.

The works of the LORD are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour: and His righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done His marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear Him: He shall ever be mindful of His covenant.

He hath showed His people the power of His works: that He may give them the heritage of the heathen.

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The works of His hands are verity and judgment: all His commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever; holy and reverend is His Name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

LAUDATE, PUERI.

Psalm cxiii.

PRAISE the LORD, ye servants : O praise the Name of the LORD.

Blessed be the Name of the LORD : from this time forth for evermore.

The LORD'S Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The LORD is high above all heathen : and His glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the LORD our GOD, that hath His dwelling so high : and yet humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?

He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

That He may set him with the princes : even with the princes of His people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house : and to be a joyful mother of children.

In exitu Israel.

Psalm cxiv.

When Israel came out of Egypt : and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,

Judah was His sanctuary : and Israel His dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled : Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams : and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest : and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back ?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams : and ye little hills, like young sheep ?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water : and the flint stone into a springing well.

Confitemini Domino.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious : because His mercy endureth for ever. Psalm cxviii.

Let Israel now confess, that He is gracious: and that His mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now confess : that His mercy endureth for ever.

Yea, let them now that fear the Lord confess : that His mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in trouble : and the Lord heard me at large.

The Lord is on my side : I will not fear what man doeth unto me.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me : therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.

It is better to trust in the LORD : than to put any confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD : than to put any confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me round about : but in the Name of the LORD will I destroy them.

They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side : but in the Name of the LORD will I destroy them.

They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns : for in the Name of the LORD I will destroy them.

Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall : but the LORD was my help.

The LORD is my strength and my song : and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous : the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the LORD hath the pre-eminence : the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live: and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD hath chastened and corrected me; but He hath not given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of righteousness: that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD: the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank Thee, for Thou hast heard me: and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused: is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the LORD'S doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Help me now, O LORD: O LORD, send us now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the LORD: we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the LORD.

GOD is the LORD who hath showed us

light: bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee: Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious: and His mercy endureth for ever.

Proper Psalms for Ascension Day.

DOMINE, DOMINUS NOSTER.

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is Thy Name in all the world : Thou that hast set Thy glory above the heavens! Psalm viii.

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast Thou ordained strength, because of Thine enemies : that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

For I will consider Thy heavens, even the works of Thy fingers : the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained.

What is man, that Thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels: to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of Thy hands: and Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea: and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O LORD our Governor: how excellent is Thy Name in all the world!

DOMINE, QUIS HABITABIT?

LORD, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon Thy holy hill? Psalm xv.

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the LORD.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not: though it were to his own hindrance.

He that hath not given his money upon usury: nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.

Domine, in virtute Tua.

Psalm xxi.

The King shall rejoice in Thy strength, O Lord: exceeding glad shall he be of Thy salvation.

Thou hast given him his heart's desire: and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

For Thou shalt prevent him with the blessings of goodness: and shalt set a crown of pure gold upon his head.

He asked life of Thee, and Thou gavest him a long life: even for ever and ever.

His honour is great in Thy salvation: glory and great worship shalt Thou lay upon him.

For Thou shalt give him everlasting felicity: and make him glad with the joy of Thy countenance.

And why? because the King putteth his trust in the LORD: and in the mercy of the Most Highest he shall not miscarry.

All Thine enemies shall feel Thy hand: Thy right hand shall find out them that hate Thee.

Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time of Thy wrath: the LORD shall destroy them in His displeasure, and the fire shall consume them.

Their fruit shalt Thou root out of the earth: and their seed from among the children of men.

For they intended mischief against Thee: and imagined such a device as they are not able to perform.

Therefore shalt Thou put them to flight: and the strings of Thy bow shalt Thou make ready against the face of them.

Be Thou exalted, LORD, in Thine own strength: so will we sing, and praise Thy power.

DOMINI EST TERRA.

Psalm xxiv.

THE earth is the LORD'S, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For He hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD: or who shall rise up in His holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD: and righteousness from the GOD of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek

Him : even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory : it is the LORD strong and mighty, even the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of Glory shall come in.

Who is the King of Glory : even the LORD of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

OMNES GENTES PLAUDITE.

Psalm xlvii.

O CLAP your hands together, all ye people : O sing unto GOD with the voice of melody.

For the LORD is high, and to be feared : He is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom He loved.

GOD is gone up with a merry noise : and the LORD with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our GOD : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

For GOD is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

GOD reigneth over the heathen : GOD sitteth upon His holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the GOD of Abraham : for GOD, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Paratum cor meum.

Psalm cviii.

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready: I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

Awake, thou lute, and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.

For Thy mercy is greater than the heavens: and Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Set up Thyself, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth.

That Thy beloved may be delivered: let Thy right hand save them, and hear Thou me.

GOD hath spoken in His holiness : I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is Mine, and Manasses is Mine : Ephraim also is the strength of My head.

Judah is My lawgiver, Moab is My washpot : over Edom will I cast out My shoe ; upon Philistia will I triumph.

Who will lead me into the strong city : and who will bring me into Edom ?

Hast not Thou forsaken us, O GOD : and wilt not Thou, O GOD, go forth with our hosts ?

O help us against the enemy : for vain is the help of man.

Through GOD we shall do great acts : and it is He that shall tread down our enemies.

Proper Psalms for Whit-Sunday.

Magnus Dominus.

Psalm xlviii.

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised : in the city of our God, even upon His holy hill.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth : upon the north side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

For lo, the kings of the earth : are gathered, and gone by together.

They marvelled to see such things : they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them, and sorrow: as upon a woman in her travail.

Thou shalt break the ships of the sea: through the east wind.

Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of Hosts, in the city of our GOD: GOD upholdeth the same for ever.

We wait for Thy loving-kindness, O GOD: in the midst of Thy Temple.

O GOD, according to Thy Name, so is Thy praise unto the world's end: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad: because of Thy judgments.

Walk about Sion, and go round about her: and tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses: that ye may tell them that come after.

For this GOD is our GOD for ever and ever: He shall be our guide unto death.

Exurgat Deus.

Psalm lxviii.

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered : let them also that hate Him, flee before Him.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt Thou drive them away : and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God : let them also be merry and joyful.

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto His Name : magnify Him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise Him in His Name JAH, and rejoice before Him.

He is a Father of the fatherless, and de-

fendeth the cause of the widows: even GOD in His holy habitation.

He is the GOD that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity: but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

O GOD, when Thou wentest forth before the people: when Thou wentest through the wilderness;

The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of GOD: even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of GOD, Who is the GOD of Israel.

Thou, O GOD, sentest a gracious rain upon Thine inheritance: and refreshedst it when it was weary.

Thy congregation shall dwell therein: for Thou, O GOD, hast of Thy goodness prepared for the poor.

The LORD gave the word: great was the company of the preachers.

Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited: and they of the household divided the spoil.

Though ye have lien among the pots, yet

shall ye be as the wings of a dove : that is covered with silver wings, and her feathers like gold.

When the ALMIGHTY scattered kings for their sake : then were they as white as snow in Salmon.

As the hill of Basan, so is GOD'S hill : even an high hill, as the hill of Basan.

Why hop ye so, ye high hills? this is GOD'S hill, in the which it pleaseth Him to dwell : yea, the LORD will abide in it for ever.

The chariots of GOD are twenty thousand, even thousands of Angels : and the LORD is among them, as in the holy place of Sinai.

Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men : yea, even for Thine enemies, that the LORD GOD might dwell among them.

Praised be the LORD daily : even the GOD Who helpeth us, and poureth His benefits upon us.

He is our GOD, even the GOD of Whom cometh salvation : GOD is the LORD, by Whom we escape death.

GOD shall wound the head of His enemies : and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his wickedness.

The LORD hath said, I will bring My people again, as I did from Basan : Mine own will I bring again, as I did sometime from the deep of the sea.

That Thy foot may be dipped in the blood of Thine enemies : and that the tongue of Thy dogs may be red through the same.

It is well seen, O GOD, how Thou goest: how Thou, my GOD and King, goest in the sanctuary.

The singers go before, the minstrels follow after : in the midst are the damsels playing with the timbrels.

Give thanks, O Israel, unto GOD the LORD in the congregations : from the ground of the heart.

There is little Benjamin their ruler, and the princes of Judah their council : the princes of Zabulon, and the princes of Nephthali.

Thy GOD hath sent forth strength for

thee : stablish the thing, O GOD, that Thou hast wrought in us,

For Thy Temple's sake at Jerusalem : so shall kings bring presents unto Thee.

When the company of the spear-men and multitude of the mighty are scattered abroad among the beasts of the people, so that they humbly bring pieces of silver : and when He hath scattered the people that delight in war;

Then shall the princes come out of Egypt: the Morians' land shall soon stretch out her hands unto GOD.

Sing unto GOD, O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the LORD,

Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning : lo, He doth send out His voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye the power to GOD over Israel: His worship and strength is in the clouds.

O GOD, wonderful art Thou in Thy holy places : even the GOD of Israel; He will give strength and power unto His people; blessed be GOD.

BENEDIC, ANIMA MEA.

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul : O LORD my GOD, Thou art become exceeding glorious, Thou art clothed with majesty and honour. Psalm civ.

Thou deckest Thyself with light as it were with a garment : and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters : and maketh the clouds His chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

He maketh His Angels spirits : and His ministers a flaming fire.

He laid the foundations of the earth : that it never should move at any time.

Thou coveredst it with the deep like as

with a garment : the waters stand in the hills.

At Thy rebuke they flee : at the voice of Thy thunder they are afraid.

They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath : even unto the place which Thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set them their bounds which they shall not pass : neither turn again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the rivers : which run among the hills.

All beasts of the field drink thereof : and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation : and sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from above : the earth is filled with the fruit of Thy works.

He bringeth forth grass for the cattle : and green herb for the service of men ;

That He may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man : and oil to make him a cheerful coun-

tenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

The trees of the LORD also are full of sap : even the cedars of Libanus which He hath planted.

Wherein the birds make their nests : and the fir-trees are a dwelling for the stork.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats : and so are the stony rocks for the conies.

He appointed the moon for certain seasons : and the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness that it may be night : wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.

The lions roaring after their prey : do seek their meat from GOD.

The sun ariseth, and they get them away together : and lay them down in their dens.

Man goeth forth to his work, and to his labour : until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are Thy works : in wisdom hast Thou made them all ; the earth is full of Thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also : wherein

are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan : whom Thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon Thee : that Thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When Thou givest it them, they gather it : and when Thou openest Thy hand, they are filled with good.

When Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled : when Thou takest away their breath, they die, and are turned again to their dust.

When Thou lettest Thy breath go forth, they shall be made : and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

The glorious Majesty of the LORD shall endure for ever : the LORD shall rejoice in His works.

The earth shall tremble at the look of Him : if He do but touch the hills they shall smoke.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live : I will praise my GOD while I have my being.

And so shall my words please Him : my joy shall be in the LORD.

As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end : praise thou the LORD, O my soul, praise the LORD.

Exaltabo Te, Deus.

Psalm cxlv.

I will magnify Thee, O God, my King: and I will praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto Thee: and praise Thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and marvellous, worthy to be praised: there is no end of His greatness.

One generation shall praise Thy works unto another: and declare Thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of Thy worship: Thy glory, Thy praise, and wondrous works;

So that men shall speak of the might of Thy marvellous acts: and I will also tell of Thy greatness.

The memorial of Thine abundant kind-

ness shall be showed : and men shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful : long-suffering, and of great goodness.

The LORD is loving unto every man : and His mercy is over all His works.

All Thy works praise Thee, O LORD : and Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.

They show the glory of Thy kingdom : and talk of Thy power;

That Thy power, Thy glory, and mightiness of Thy kingdom : might be known unto men.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom : and Thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

The LORD upholdeth all such as fall : and lifteth up all those that are down.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O LORD : and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand : and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

The LORD is righteous in all His ways : and holy in all His works.

The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon Him : yea, all such as call upon Him faithfully.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him : He also will hear their cry, and will help them.

The LORD preserveth all them that love Him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD : and let all flesh give thanks unto His holy Name for ever and ever.

Proper Psalms for Christmas Day.

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THE heavens declare the glory of GOD : and the firmament showeth His handywork. Psalm xix.

One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the LORD is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the LORD is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the LORD is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgments of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is Thy servant taught: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse Thou me from my secret faults.

Keep Thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over

me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be alway acceptable in Thy sight,

O LORD : my strength and my Redeemer.

ERUCTAVIT COR MEUM.

Psalm xlv.

MY heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.

My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer.

Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are Thy lips, because GOD hath blessed Thee for ever.

Gird Thee with Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O Thou Most Mighty: according to Thy worship and renown.

Good luck have Thou with Thine honour: ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and Thy right hand shall teach Thee terrible things.

Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto Thee: even in the midst among the King's enemies.

Thy seat, O GOD, endureth for ever : the sceptre of Thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity : wherefore GOD, even Thy GOD, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows.

All Thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia : out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made Thee glad.

Kings' daughters were among Thy honourable women : upon Thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear : forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty : for He is thy LORD GOD, and worship thou Him.

And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift : like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.

The King's daughter is all glorious within : her clothing is of wrought gold.

She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work : the virgins that be her fellows, shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto Thee.

With joy and gladness, shall they be brought : and shall enter into the King's palace.

Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children : whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

I will remember Thy Name from one generation to another : therefore shall the people give thanks unto Thee, world without end.

Benedixisti, Domine.

Psalm lxxxv.

Lord, Thou art become gracious unto Thy land : Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of Thy people : and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all Thy displeasure : and turned Thyself from Thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour : and let Thine anger cease from us.

Wilt Thou be displeased at us for ever : and wilt Thou stretch out Thy wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us : that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

Show us Thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us Thy salvation.

I will hearken what the LORD GOD will say concerning me : for He shall speak peace unto His people, and to His saints, that they turn not again.

For His salvation is nigh them that fear Him : that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before Him : and He shall direct His going in the way.

Misericordias Domini.

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord : with my mouth will I ever be showing Thy truth from one generation to another. Psalm lxxxix.

For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever : Thy truth shalt Thou stablish in the heavens.

I have made a covenant with My chosen : I have sworn unto David My servant;

Thy seed will I stablish for ever : and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

O Lord, the very heavens shall praise Thy wondrous works : and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

For who is he among the clouds : that shall be compared unto the Lord?

And what is he among the gods : that shall be like unto the LORD?

GOD is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints : and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about Him.

O LORD GOD of Hosts, who is like unto Thee : Thy truth, most mighty LORD, is on every side.

Thou rulest the raging of the sea : Thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.

Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it : Thou hast scattered Thine enemies abroad with Thy mighty arm.

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine : Thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.

Thou hast made the north and the south : Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy Name.

Thou hast a mighty arm : strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.

Righteousness and equity are the habitation of Thy seat : mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.

Blessed is the people, O LORD, that can rejoice in Thee : they shall walk in the light of Thy countenance.

Their delight shall be daily in Thy Name : and in Thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

For Thou art the glory of their strength : and in Thy loving-kindness Thou shalt lift up our horns.

For the LORD is our defence : the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Thou spakest sometime in visions unto Thy saints, and saidst : I have laid help upon one that is mighty, I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found David My servant : with My holy oil have I anointed him.

My hand shall hold him fast : and My arm shall strengthen him.

The enemy shall not be able to do him violence : the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

I will smite down his foes before his face : and plague them that hate him.

My truth also and My mercy shall be

with him : and in My Name shall his horn be exalted.

I will set his dominion also in the sea : and his right hand in the floods.

He shall call Me, Thou art my FATHER : my GOD, and my strong Salvation.

And I will make him My first-born : higher than the kings of the earth.

My mercy will I keep for him for evermore : and My covenant shall stand fast with him.

His seed also will I make to endure for ever : and his throne as the days of heaven.

But if his children forsake My law : and walk not in My judgments;

If they break My statutes, and keep not My commandments : I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.

Nevertheless, My loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him : nor suffer My truth to fail.

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips : I

have sworn once by My holiness, that I will not fail David.

His seed shall endure for ever : and his seat is like as the sun before Me.

He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon : and as the faithful witness in heaven.

But Thou hast abhorred and forsaken Thine Anointed : and art displeased at him.

Thou hast broken the covenant of Thy servant : and cast his crown to the ground.

Thou hast overthrown all his hedges : and broken down his strong-holds.

All they that go by spoil him : and he is become a reproach to his neighbours.

Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies : and made all his adversaries to rejoice.

Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword : and givest him not victory in the battle.

Thou hast put out his glory : and cast his throne down to the ground.

The days of his youth hast Thou shortened : and covered him with dishonour.

LORD, how long wilt Thou hide Thyself,

for ever : and shall Thy wrath burn like fire?

O remember how short my time is : wherefore hast Thou made all men for nought?

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death : and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell?

LORD, where are Thy old loving-kindnesses : which Thou swarest unto David in Thy truth?

Remember, LORD, the rebuke that Thy servants have : and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people;

Wherewith Thine enemies have blasphemed Thee, and slandered the footsteps of Thine Anointed : praised be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

Dixit Dominus.

The Lord said unto my Lord : Sit Thou on My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. Psalm cx.

The Lord shall send the rod of Thy power out of Sion : be Thou ruler, even in the midst among Thine enemies.

In the day of Thy power shall the people offer Thee free-will offerings with an holy worship : the dew of Thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

The Lord sware, and will not repent : Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.

The Lord upon Thy right hand : shall wound even kings in the day of His wrath.

He shall judge among the heathen; He

shall fill the places with the dead bodies : and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

He shall drink of the brook in the way : therefore shall He lift up His head.

Memento, Domine.

Psalm cxxxii.

Lord, remember David : and all his trouble.

How he sware unto the Lord : and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;

I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house : nor climb up into my bed;

I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber : neither the temples of my head to take any rest;

Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord : an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata : and found it in the wood.

We will go into His tabernacle : and fall low on our knees before His footstool.

Arise, O LORD, into Thy resting-place : Thou, and the ark of Thy strength.

Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness : and let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.

For Thy servant David's sake : turn not away the presence of Thine Anointed.

The LORD hath made a faithful oath unto David : and He shall not shrink from it;

Of the fruit of thy body : shall I set upon thy seat.

If thy children will keep My covenant, and My testimonies that I shall learn them : their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.

For the LORD hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for Himself : He hath longed for her.

This shall be My rest for ever : here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

I will bless her victuals with increase : and will satisfy her poor with bread.

I will deck her priests with health : and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

There shall I make the horn of David to

flourish : I have ordained a lantern for Mine Anointed.

As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame : but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALMS

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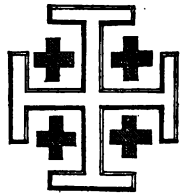
Occasional Services.

"In every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."—Phil. iv. 6.

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."—Eph. v. 19, 20.



Solemnization of Matrimony.

Beati Omnes.

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in His ways. Psalm cxxviii.

For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine: upon the walls of thine house.

Thy children like the olive-branches: round about thy table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed: that feareth the Lord.

The LORD from out of Sion shall so bless thee : that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children : and peace upon Israel.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON : and to the HOLY GHOST ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Deus misereatur.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us : and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us ; Psalm lxvii.

That Thy way may be known upon earth : Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

GOD shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON : and to the HOLY GHOST ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Visitation of the Sick.

In Te, Domine, speravi.

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion: but rid me, and deliver me in Thy righteousness; incline Thine ear unto me, and save me. Psalm lxxi.

Be Thou my stronghold, whereunto I may alway resort: Thou hast promised to help me; for Thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly: out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For Thou, O Lord God, art the thing

that I long for: Thou art my hope, even from my youth.

Through Thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: Thou art He that took me out of my mother's womb; my praise shall be always of Thee.

I am become as it were a monster unto many: but my sure trust is in Thee.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise: that I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

Cast me not away in the time of age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

For mine enemies speak against me, and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying: God hath forsaken him; persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

Go not far from me, O God: my God, haste Thee to help me.

Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul: let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.

As for me, I will patiently abide alway: and will praise Thee more and more.

My mouth shall daily speak of Thy righteousness and salvation: for I knew no end thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the LORD GOD: and will make mention of Thy righteousness only.

Thou, O GOD, hast taught me from my youth up until now: therefore will I tell of Thy wondrous works.

Forsake me not, O GOD, in mine old age, when I am grey-headed: until I have showed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

Thy righteousness, O GOD, is very high: and great things are they that Thou hast done! O GOD, who is like unto Thee?

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON: and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Burial of the Dead.

Dixi, custodiam.

Psalm xxxix.

I said, I will take heed to my ways : that I offend not in my tongue.

I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle : while the ungodly is in my sight.

I held my tongue, and spake nothing : I kept silence, yea, even from good words; but it was pain and grief to me.

My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing the fire kindled : and at the last I spake with my tongue :

Lord, let me know mine end, and the

number of my days : that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as it were a span long : and mine age is even as nothing in respect of Thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain : he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, LORD, what is my hope : truly my hope is even in Thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences : and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

I became dumb, and opened not my mouth : for it was Thy doing.

Take Thy plague away from me : I am even consumed by means of Thy heavy hand.

When Thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, Thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment : every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and with

Thine ears consider my calling: hold not Thy peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with Thee : and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength : before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON : and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

DOMINE, REFUGIUM.

LORD, Thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another. Psalm xc.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made : Thou art GOD from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction : again Thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as Thou scatterest them, they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth

up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in Thy displeasure: and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before Thee: and our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For when Thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong, that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of Thy wrath: for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is Thy displeasure.

O teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Turn Thee again, O LORD, at the last: and be gracious unto Thy servants.

O satisfy us with Thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Comfort us again now after the time that Thou hast plagued us : and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Show Thy servants Thy work : and their children Thy glory.

And the glorious Majesty of the LORD our GOD be upon us : prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper Thou our handy-work.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON : and to the HOLY GHOST ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

The Churching of Women.

DILEXI QUONIAM.

Psalm cxvi.

I AM well pleased : that the LORD hath heard the voice of my prayer;

That He hath inclined His ear unto me : therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

The snares of death compassed me round about : and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

I found trouble and heaviness, and I called upon the Name of the LORD : O LORD, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous : yea, our GOD is merciful.

The LORD preserveth the simple : I was in misery, and He helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul : for the LORD hath rewarded thee.

And why? Thou hast delivered my soul from death : mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the LORD : in the land of the living.

I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled : I said in my haste, All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the LORD : for all the benefits that He hath done unto me?

I will receive the cup of salvation : and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people : in the courts of the LORD's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON : and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Nisi Dominus.

Psalm cxxvii.

Except the Lord build the house : their labour is but lost that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city : the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness : for so He giveth His beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb : are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant : even so are the young children.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them : they shall not be ashamed

when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON: and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Commination.

Miserere mei, Deus.

Psalm li.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness : according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight : that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

Behold I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn Thy face away from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of Thy help again: and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O LORD: and my mouth shall show Thy praise.

For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee: but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of GOD is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O GOD, shalt Thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON: and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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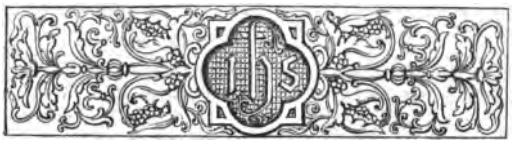

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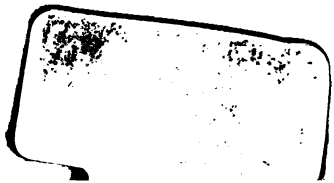
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